

NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting

January 9, 2026

3:48 Welcome

- Recorder of minutes- Kim DeRosa and Rashell Clarke
- Motion to approve October 22, 2025, minutes declined. One change to be made and minutes will be approved at next meeting on March 12th. Last Liaison Meeting is set for May 15, 2026. 3:49 pm
- Christina Pesiri inquiring about the Liaison Meeting times. Several librarians asked to have a working lunch to leave earlier. Librarian hours are all different from grades/schools. Concluded that meetings should be a full day. 3:50 pm
- Services:
Clickview added to BOCES collection until June 30, 2026. Today the vendor presented. This is a good service for students to work on projects. 3:53 pm
- Council: Discussion on new members and the Bylaws and rules of those board members who missed all meetings. Removal of 2 people. Some are retired with no working email, 2 will join now and 2 to join in the fall. Christina Pesiri - present Board is Administrator heavy must have more school librarians. Positive feedback on possible commitments to join the board. Karen Mylan from Valley Stream #24 and Jacinta Bowman from Malverne HS will be appointed to attend the next meeting. Vacancies to be filled in and appointed by chair. Karen Homer has no working contact, but a council member will attempt to reach out to her. Christopher Toffolo (HS) has not participated. These two will be replaced now and more to be replaced in the Spring. B. Baaden made motion to appoint Karen Mylan and Jacinta Bowman. 3:54 pm
- Plan of Service.
The Report is still due on April 1st. Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 in the morning with the State. Council should help with the instructions and questions. She will put most of it together and will send it to the council for their review and feedback. No word on how it's being submitted yet and they are not expecting many changes. 4:02 pm

- **AOY/SLOY forms.** Laurie Martucci-Walsh mentioned she posted approximately 5 or 6 times a “save the date” for the AOY/SLOY nominations. Concerned that nothing has been done and she needs the new dates and updated forms. Amber Fink – forms must be shortened and changed to get more people to participate. We had one nomination for each category last year. Laurie will create a Google form for the new application process. This Google form will simplify the process. She will send it to the council by email within two weeks to edit and/or approve it to get it out ASAP. A brief discussion about the plaque ordering process – need to obtain 3 price quotes. March council meeting changed to 1st week of the month (March 5th or 6th) since there is a tight timeline. There will be a February 11th deadline to submit the forms. On February 27th the committee will approve the winners. From March 12 – March 15 will be for obtaining the plaques. Lisa Geary - Laurie has her information to reach out to sit on the committee. **4:04 pm.**
- **Thoughts/Ideas: Close meeting – emails to be sent for additional ideas. 4:14 pm**
- Members that attended: Amber Fink, Bea Baaden, Carole Anne Weik, Renee McGrath, Joanne Koukoulas, Laurie Martucci-Walsh, Christina Pesiri, Dr. Xavier Rodriguez, Amanda Packert.
- *TBD: The next Advisory Council meeting March 5 or 6, 2026*

Meeting ends: 4:15